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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WILDLIFE LAWS (INV 4-0 WO)

1. THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE HAS RECENTLY BEEN ADVISED THAT COTTON-TOP MARMASETS (SAGUNUS OEDIFUS) ARE BEING IMPORTED INTO THE U.S. ACCORDING TO USFWS INFORMATION, THE RANGE OF THESE ANIMALS IS LIMITED TO COLOMBIA. UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE LACEY ACT (18 USC 43), IF THE LAWS OF COLOMBIA HAVE BEEN VIOLATED REGARDING THE TAKING, SALE, OR EXPORTATION OF WILDLIFE WHICH IS SUBSEQUENTLY IMPORTED INTO THE U.S., THEN AMCITS INVOLVED MAY BE IN VIOLATION OF U.S. LAW.

2. USFWS THEREFORE REQUESTS THAT AMEMBASSY ADVISE IF GOC HAS LAWS RESTRICTING THE TAKING, SALE, OR EXPORTATION OF COTTON-TOP MARMASETS AND, IF SO, WHAT THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE. USFWS WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE RECEIVING COPIES OF THESE LAWS.

3. IN REPLY PLEASE INDICATE, PASS TO DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, WASHINGTON, D.C. KISSINGER
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